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SUB: FIGHTING IN DHOFAR

REF: TEHRAN 10276 (DTG 201246Z OCT 75)

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH BRITISH EMBASSY (ALSTON) OCTOBER 21, HE SAID THAT OUR LATEST FIGURES ON IRANIAN SHIPS AND PLANES INVOLVED IN RECENT OFFENSIVE CONFORM ROUGHLY TO BRITISH INFORMATION. WE UNDERSTAND THAT TWO DDS, TWO VOSPER DES AND ONE LST PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION WITH ANOTHER LST SUBSEQUENTLY DISPATCHED TO AREA. ALSON SAID THAT IT SEEMED NAVAL FORCES HAD SERVED PRIMARILY AS A DIVERSION FOR GROUND OPERATIONS, AND THAT THERE HAD BEEN LITTLE TARGETING ON SPECIFIC REBBH SITES. IRANIANS HAD APPARENTLY ENCOUNTERED NO UNUSUAL RESISTANCE AND RUMORS CIRCULATING HERE OF SIGNIFICANT CASUALTIES AND HELICOPTER LOSSES COULD NOT BE SUBSTANTIATED. HIS INFORMATION WAS THAT IRANIANS MAY HAVE LOST TOTAL OF LESS THAN 20 KILLED AND WOUNDED, PRIMARILY
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BECAUSE OF "BUNCHING" AND POOR TROOP TACTICS. HE KNEW OF NO

HELICOPTERS SHOT DOWN.

2. WE ASKED WHETHER BRITISH HAD ANY INFORMATION THAT IRANIAN AIRCRAFT MIGHT HAVE PARTICIPATED IN CROSS-BORDER ATTACK ON HAUEMM ALSTON SAID DEFINITELY NOT. ATTACK ON PDRY GUNS BY OMANI HUNTERS HAD BEEN PLANNED AS PART OF OMANI FORCES' OPERATION CLOSE TO BORDER WHICH INVOLVED NO IRANIAN TROOPS.

3. ALSTON SAID THAT OFFENSIVE HAD PROBABLY BEEN DEVISED BY BRITISH ADVISORS AND COORDINATED AND APPROVED BY IRANIAN MILITARY LEADERSHIP. LATEST INFORMATION WAS THAT IRANIANS WERE SITTING SECURELY ON HILL THEY HAD TAKEN. THERE WOULD PROBABLY BE CONTINUED FIGHTING IN AREA INTO DECEMBER.

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